

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 13, 14, 16, 20, 21 and 23 were allowed. Claims 8, 17 and 24 were rejected. And claims 9-11, 18-19 and 25-26 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In response, Applicants thank the Examiner for allowance of claims 1, 2, 4-7, 13, 14, 16, 20, 21 and 23. Also, Applicants have amended claims 8, 17 and 24 by incorporating elements from claims 11, 19 and 25 respectively and cancelled claims 11, 19 and 25 accordingly. Applicants therefore respectfully submit that claims 8, 10-11, 17, 19, 24 and 26 are in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, all remaining pending claims are allowable. Early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 206-381-8819. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge shortages or credit overpayments to Deposit Account No. 500393.

Respectfully submitted,
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